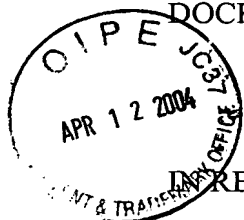


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POROUS, LIGHTWEIGHT, HEAT-  
RESISTANT STRUCTURAL MATERIAL  
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREFOR

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: EXAMINER: CLEVELAND, M

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**AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.